



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, friends of Tennessee Libraries and local friends of library groups across the state are dedicated to the support of libraries as institutions essential to democracy and life-long learning; and

WHEREAS, friend groups advocate public funding that will equip libraries with the necessary print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, and services for all ages from the very young to the senior citizen; and

WHEREAS, friend groups also invest time and effort in raising supplementary funds to enhance libraries resources and programming that promote the joys and benefits of citizens literacy, learning, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, friend groups also volunteer many hours of work to help libraries provide services and materials to their patrons; and

WHEREAS, the gift of times and commitment by friends of libraries in Tennessee sets a positive example of civic engagement that benefits both volunteers and their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the state of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2011, as

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 27th day of September, 2011.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Wiegitt in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State